

- towing with a chain or cable for no more than 1 mile another vehicle which is disabled and unable to proceed under its own power, no motor vehicle shall be used to tow another vehicle on any road unless the 2 vehicles are connected by a tow bar of sufficient strength to control the movements of the vehicle being towed without manual steering of said towed vehicle.
- No vehicle may tow on any road more than 1 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer, except 1 used exclusively for agricultural purposes or 1 authorized by the DMV to do so.
 - No person or persons shall occupy any type of house trailer or automobile utility trailer while it is towed.

Miscellaneous Provisions

Bail Bonds: State has recognition of AAA arrest bond certificates of \$200.

Liability Laws: State has security-type law applicable in the event of accident causing property damage in excess of \$1,000 or personal injury death.

- State also has future proof law requiring motorists to show financial responsibility after conviction of certain serious traffic offenses.
- State has non-resident service of process law; does not have guest suit law.
- All drivers are required to have insurance liability policies of at least \$25,000 for bodily injury or death to any 1 person, \$50,000 for bodily injury or death to 2 or more persons, and \$25,000 for injury to and destruction of property in any 1 accident.

Weight Stations: The driver of every motor vehicle shall, upon request of any law enforcement officer, stop and submit such to a weighing of said motor vehicle by means of either portable or stationary scales. If such scales are not available at the place where the stopping occurs, upon request of a law enforcement officer, the driver shall drive said motor vehicle to the nearest public scales provided the distance to the public scales does not exceed 10 miles.

Fees & Taxes

Table 1: Title & Registration Fees*

Vehicle Type	Title Fee	Registration Fee
Motor Vehicle up to 3,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$25.20
Motor Vehicle between 3,001-5,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$37.20
Motor Vehicle between 5,001-8,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$49.20
Motor Vehicle over 8,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$0.84 per 100 lbs.
Trailers of 1,000 lbs. or less	no title required	\$3.00
Trailers of 1,001-1,500 lbs.	no title required	\$6.00
Trailers of 1,501-3,000 lbs.	no title required	\$12.00
Trailers of 3,001-5,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$24.00
Trailers of 5,001-8,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$36.00
Trailers of more than 8,000 lbs.	\$25.00	\$0.60 per 100 lbs.
Motorcycles	\$25.00	\$13.00
Mopeds	no title required	\$3.00
Duplicates	\$25.00	\$10.00

*A \$5.00 fee will be added for each registration processed by electronic means.

Table 2: License Fees

License Class	Fee	Driving Test Fees
A (Commercial)	\$60.00	each re-examination in 1 year: \$20.00
B (Commercial)	\$60.00	each re-examination in 1 year: \$20.00
C (Commercial)	\$60.00	each re-examination in 1 year: \$20.00
D (Non-Commercial)	\$50.00 (+ \$10.00 per year for non-resident alien)	
Youth Operator's License	\$10.00 for the first year	
Motorcycle Learner's Permit	\$30.00	
Motorcycle Endorsement	\$5.00 for renewal \$30.00 for original	
Moped	\$8.00	
Duplicate License Fee	\$10.00	
Endorsements	\$10.00 each	

Table 3: Vehicle Taxes

Tax	Rate
State Sales Tax	State has no sales tax
Gasoline Tax; (Diesel)	\$0.196/gallon; (\$0.196/gallon)

Table 4: Miscellaneous Fees

Fee	Amount	Payable Upon
Safety Inspection	\$25.00	inspection
Transfer Plates	\$10.00	transfer
Special Plates Fee	\$25.00-\$30.00	request for vanity plates
Special Plates Transfer Fee	\$10.00	transfer
License Plate Replacement Fee	\$7.50	replacement
Duplicate Plates	\$4.00 per plate	



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Vehicle Title

Application: Application for a certificate of ownership should be made to the director of the MVC within 10 days of purchase of a motor vehicle.

- An application for certificate of ownership should be accompanied by evidence of purchase, either a certificate of origin, certificate of ownership, or bill of sale.
- If a person has a certificate of ownership for a mobile or manufactured home that is located in a mobile home park that is being relocated to land that the owner of the home has an interest in or title to, that person shall file a notice of relocation with the director of the MVC at least 10 days prior to relocation. If the director deems the notice to be complete, the certificate of ownership will be cancelled on the date of relocation.

Transfer of Ownership: Upon the sale of a vehicle, the seller shall execute and deliver an assignment of the certificate of ownership to the purchaser.

Vehicle Registration

Application: Every vehicle driven primarily in New Jersey, whether owned by a resident or non-resident, is required to be registered.

- Applications for vehicle registration must be made to the MVC designated agent in the county of residence.
- Applications for vehicle registration must contain the name, street address of the residence or business of the owner, mailing address, age of the owner, description of the vehicle that includes the manufacturer and vehicle identification or manufacturer's number, name of the vehicle's insurer, and if the vehicle is leased, the name and street address of the lessor.
- Registration may be denied without presentation of a certificate of ownership.

Non-Residents: Non-residents must obtain New Jersey driver's license and registration within 60 days after residence established, unless expiration of out-of-state license comes first, and provided compliance has been made with the license laws of the state of previous residence.

- The owner of a vehicle registered in a foreign country has 20 days to register the vehicle in New Jersey.

Registration Type: Registrations shall expire every 12 months. New dealer purchased vehicles shall be issued a 4-year registration and thereafter will expire every 12 months.

- Renewal of motorcycle registrations will take place on a date set by the director of the MVC, but in no case shall that expiration date be earlier than April 30 nor later than October 31.

- Renewal application forms for passenger automobiles will be sent to the last address of owners on record with the MVC.
- Application for renewal of a passenger automobile or motorcycle registration may be directly made to any agent of the MVC.
- Temporary registration may be issued for a 20-day period to any person purchasing an automobile in New Jersey while en route to another state. Renewal is not permitted.

Emissions & Safety Inspection: Every motor vehicle registered in New Jersey is required to be inspected unless the director determines that passage under a similar

program of another state, district, or territory of the United States is sufficient.

- Vehicles are to be inspected on a biennial basis. New cars, trucks and motorcycles are inspected 4 years from the date of purchase and every 2 years after the initial inspection.
- An approval certificate will be issued once a vehicle successfully passes all required emissions tests and the mechanism, brakes, and equipment are found to be in a proper and safe condition.

License Plates

Disbursement: Issuance of license plates may be denied without presentation of a certificate of ownership.

- Special license plates and windshield placards for disabled drivers are available at no fee by application to the MVC.

Transfer of Plates: License plates may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the same person.

Driver's Licenses

Examination: Every licensed driver is required to pass a vision screening successfully (20/50 visual acuity required) at least once every 10 years as a condition of driver's license renewal.

- When a written examination is given as part of a high school driver education program, a certified driver education instructor, or special education teacher may be allowed to read the examination to any student who has been diagnosed with a deficiency in reading, perception, or other learning disability.

Graduated Drivers Licensing: State has a system of graduated licensing for teen drivers.

- At 16, upon successful completion of driver education, a teen is eligible for a special learner's permit.
- Permit holders may not drive unsupervised. Teens must hold the permit for at least 6 months and pass a road test to be eligible for an intermediate/provisional license.
- Intermediate license holders may not drive unsupervised between midnight and 5 a.m. and may not have more than 1 passenger unless supervised by a driver at least 21 years old (family members are exempted).
- Teens may apply for an intermediate license at 17.
- Teens must hold the intermediate license for at least 6 months.
- At 17 years and 6 months, teens may drive unsupervised but not between midnight and 5 a.m.
- At 18, teens are eligible for an unrestricted license.
- Learner's permit and intermediate license holders are prohibited from using telecommunications devices including cell phones while driving.
- Permit and intermediate license holders and their passengers must always wear safety belts.
- New Jersey has graduated licensing for adults as well. Persons 21 and older must hold permit for at least 3 months. The night and passenger restrictions in the intermediate license are waived for drivers 21 and older.

Issuance/Application: Applications for a driver's license must be made to the MVC designated agent in the county of residence.

- Applications for a driver's license require passage of an eye examination and written and road tests.
- A person must apply within 30 days of establishing residence to transfer a commercial driver's license from another state.
- Expiration date of non-citizen's driver's license and identification cards is linked to the expiration date of the person's visa.
- License does not include social security number.
- All applicants for driver licenses must present proof of age, identity, and address using primary and secondary documents outlined under the "Six Point ID Verification System." For more information, contact the MVC.

Renewal: Application for renewal of a passenger automobile or motorcycle driver's license may be directly made to any agent of the MVC.

- A licensed driver has 1 week to notify the MVC of change of residence.
- A driver's license is issued for a 4-year period.
- Active military personnel on duty outside of New Jersey can call the MVC 60 days before the expiration date on the license and request a renewal application be sent to their current address.

Types of Licenses: A Basic Automobile License (Class D) may be issued to a person 18 years of age and older for all types of motor vehicles registered by the MVC, except motorcycles.

- A Commercial Driver's License (Class A, B, C) is for large trucks, buses, and vehicles hauling hazardous materials.
- A Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is necessary for the operation of tractor trailers or any truck or trailer with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) of 26,001 lbs. or more, provided the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of the vehicle being towed is more than 10,000 lbs., and allows the driver to operate all vehicles in the Class B, C, and D categories.
- A Class B CDL is necessary for the operation of any vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more or a vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more towing a trailer with a GVWR of less than 10,000 lbs., or a bus with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, and allows the driver to operate all vehicles in the Class C and D categories.
- A Class C CDL is necessary for any vehicle with a GVWR of less than 26,001 lbs. used and placarded to transport hazardous material, or any bus, including school buses, designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver, and with a GVWR of less than 26,001 lbs. and all school vehicles designed for 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver, or any bus or other vehicle designed to transport 8 to 15 passengers, including the driver, which is used for hire.
- There are 4 commercial license endorsements available: (1) double and triple trailer which is for operators of vehicles pulling 2 or 3 trailers and requires a Class A license; (2) passenger which is for operators of all buses or similar vehicles used to transport passengers; (3) tank vehicle for operators of vehicles that transport liquids or gas in bulk; and (4) hazardous materials for operators of vehicles transporting hazardous materials.

- A bus driver license shall be issued to a person 18 years of age and older that has passed a satisfactory examination of driving ability and familiarity with the mechanism of the bus and has presented evidence, satisfactory to the director of the MVC of at least 3 years of driving experience, good character, and physical fitness.
- A Motorcycle License (Class E) or Endorsement (M) is for most vehicles with less than 4 wheels, including motor bikes and scooters. The endorsement is for individuals already holding a basic New Jersey automobile license; otherwise, an individual must obtain a separate license.
- A Motorized Bicycle License (Class F) is for unlicensed drivers, 15 years and older, and is not needed if the operator has a Class A, B, C, D, or E license.
- An Agricultural License (Class G) is for farming purposes only and may be granted to persons between 16 and 17 years of age and can be exchanged for a Class D license at age 17.

Traffic Rules

Alcohol Laws: State has an implied consent law.

- Open containers are not permitted. Meets TEA-21 requirements.
- Illegal per se BAC level is .08.
- BAC level for people under 21 is .01.
- BAC for commercial drivers is .04.

Cellular Telephone Use: No person shall use a hand-held phone or engage in text messaging while driving. This law is primarily enforced.

- School bus drivers are prohibited from talking on a cell phone and driving, except in emergencies.

Emergency Radio/Cellular: Citizen band radio channel 9 is monitored for emergency calls.

- Emergency number is #77; aggressive driver hotline is 1-888-723-7623.

Headsets: Wearing of radio headsets while operating a motor vehicle is permitted.

Occupant Restraints:

- The driver and any front seat passengers shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety seat belt system.
- Children ages 8 until 18 must be restrained in a seat belt in all seating positions.
- Children under age 8 and weighing less than 80 lbs. must be in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat in the rear seat, if possible.
- Violations of the seat belt and child restraint laws are standard offenses.
- Riding in the cargo area of a pickup truck is not permitted, except for employees on duty.

Railroad Crossing: A person driving a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing must stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail and shall not proceed until he can do so safely whenever: (1) a clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train; (2) a crossing gate is lowered or when a human flagman gives or continues to give a signal of the approach or passage of a railroad train; (3) a railroad train approaching within approximately 1,500 feet of the highway crossing emits a signal audible from such distance and such railroad train, by reason of its speed or nearness to such crossing, is an

immediate hazard; or (4) an approaching railroad train is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to such crossing.

- No person is permitted to drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.
 - Any school bus carrying any child or children must stop within 50 feet but not less than 15 feet from the nearest rail of a railroad crossing to listen and look in both directions for any approaching train or signals indicating the approach of a train.
- School Buses:** Lap belt type seat belts or other child restraint systems must be available at each seating position on the bus.

- Each passenger on a school bus that is equipped with seat belts shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or other child restraint system at all times the bus is in operation.
- On roads that are not divided, the driver of a vehicle approaching or overtaking a school bus that has stopped to receive or discharge any child, must stop not less than 25 feet from the bus and remain stopped until such child has entered the bus or exited and reached the side of the road and until a flashing red light is no longer exhibited by the bus.
- On roads that have a physical separation, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a school bus that has stopped to receive or discharge any child must stop not less than 25 feet from the bus and remain stopped until such child has entered the bus or exited and reached the side of the road, and until a flashing red light is no longer exhibited by the bus. If the driver of a vehicle is on another road approaching a bus that has stopped to receive or discharge a child, the driver must slow his vehicle to not more than 10 mph until the vehicle has passed the bus and any child that may have disembarked from the bus.

Vehicle Equipment & Rules

Bumper Height: Bumpers shall be mounted at a height that meets manufacturer's specifications.

Glass/Window Tinting: The owner or lessee of a vehicle that is driven by or used to transport a person with a medical condition involving ophthalmic or dermatologic photosensitivity may apply to the director of the MVC for permission to have the windshield and windows of that vehicle covered or treated with a product or material that increases its light reflectance or reduces its light transmittance.

- Sunscreening materials that are installed or applied to the windshield of a motor vehicle shall be of a clear film and such material installed or applied to the front side windows of a motor vehicle shall be either a clear or tinted film.
- Any motor vehicle may have the rear window and/or the rear side windows tinted or covered in a manner so as to partially obscure the driver's vision, provided that the vehicle is equipped with an exterior mirror on each side of the vehicle. Any high-mounted rear stoplight shall not be obstructed in any manner.
- Mirror-type material is not permitted on any window of a motor vehicle.

Telematics: It is unlawful to operate a vehicle that has a television set placed so that the screen is visible to the driver while operating the vehicle.

Windshield Stickers: No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster, sticker, or other non-transparent material upon the front windshield, wings, deflectors, side shields, corner lights adjoining the windshield, or front side windows other than a certificate or other article required to be so displayed by statute or regulations.

Motorcycles & Mopeds

Equipment: Every motorcycle shall be equipped with at least 1 and not more than 2 headlamps.

- Every motorcycle equipped with a side car shall be equipped with a lamp on the outside edge of the side car, capable of displaying a white light to the front.
- Every motorcycle shall have, in addition to at least 1 headlamp, 1 tail lamp, 1 stop lamp, at least 1 reflector on the rear, adequate license plate illumination, and a white light displaying to the front on any side car or other extension attached to the side.
- Every motorcycle must have at least 1 brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop the motorcycle.
- No person shall operate a motorcycle which has handle bar grips higher than the shoulder height of the operator when seated.
- A person operating a motorcycle shall ride only upon the permanent and regular seat attached to the motorcycle; passengers shall ride on the permanent and regular seat if designed for 2 persons, or on another seat firmly attached to the rear or side of the driver.
- An operator of a motorcycle must not carry any other person unless the motorcycle is designed to carry more than 1 person and has adequate footrests for each passenger.
- A motorcycle operator and passenger must wear goggles or a face shield unless the motorcycle is equipped with a wind screen meeting specifications established by the director and a securely fitted helmet that is equipped with either a neck or chin strap.

Licenses: The director of the MVC may waive the road test portion of the examinations required for a motorcycle license or endorsement if the applicant has successfully completed a motorcycle safety education course.

- All applicants for a motorcycle license who have never previously held such license shall be on probation for a period of 2 years following the issuance of their initial license.
- A motorized bicycle license may be issued to any person 15 years of age or older upon proof of identity, date of birth, and passage of a driving examination.

Noise Limits: Every motor vehicle with a combustion motor must at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise and annoying smoke and no person shall use a muffler cut-out, bypass, or similar device on a motor vehicle.

- Motorcycles shall be equipped with muffler systems designed especially for motorcycles.

Mopeds: Registration and title are required.

- Special motorized bicycle license is issued to 15- and 16-year olds.

- Operator required to have liability insurance covering bodily injury, \$15,000; death, \$30,000; property damage, \$5,000.
- Protective helmet required.

Passenger Car Trailers

Brakes: Every trailer and semitrailer must have brakes that can be automatically applied upon break-away from the towing vehicle, and means shall be provided to stop and hold the vehicle for an adequate period of time.

- In any combination of motor vehicles, means shall be provided for applying the trailer or semitrailer brakes in approximate synchronism with the brakes on the towing vehicles and creating the required braking effort on the wheels of the rear-most vehicle at the fastest rate, or means shall be provided for applying the braking effort first on the rearmost vehicle equipped with brakes.

Dimensions: Total length: 65 feet (includes bumpers); trailer length: 45 feet (includes bumpers); width: 102 inches; height: 13 feet 6 inches.

Hitch: Trailers shall be connected to the towing vehicle by at least 1 chain or cable, in addition to the hitch bar, of sufficient strength to hold the trailer on a hill if the hitching bar becomes disconnected, or be provided with an adequate device to prevent its rolling backward.

Lighting: Every trailer or semitrailer must be equipped on the rear with 2 taillamps, 2 stop lamps, 2 turn signals, and 2 reflectors, 1 of each at each side.

Mirrors: No person shall drive a vehicle that is so constructed, loaded, or covered that the driver does not have a clear view of the traffic following and at its sides, unless the vehicle is equipped with a device that will show the road to the rear and side.

Speed Limits: As posted. No additional restrictions for car with trailer.

Other Provisions: Maximum of 1 boat or general utility trailer may be towed behind passenger or pleasure vehicle. Total length of both not to exceed 62 feet.

Miscellaneous Provisions

Bail Bonds: A bail bond issued by an automobile club or association may not exceed \$500.

Liability Laws: All vehicles registered in New Jersey must be covered by an automobile liability insurance policy that insures against loss resulting from liability for bodily injury, death, and property damage where coverage amounts shall be at least: (1) \$15,000 for injury or death of 1 person in any 1 accident; (2) \$30,000 on account of injury to or death of more than 1 person in any 1 accident; and (3) \$5,000 from property damage in any 1 accident.

- A person with an automobile registered in New Jersey may choose a basic automobile insurance policy, as an alternative to the mandatory coverage, that provides the following coverage: (1) personal injury protection coverage that includes the payment of medical expense benefits for reasonable and necessary treatment of bodily injury in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 per person per accident, except that, medical expense benefits shall be paid in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for all medically necessary treatment of permanent or significant brain injury, spinal cord

injury or disfigurement, or for medically necessary treatment of other permanent or significant injuries rendered at a trauma center or acute care hospital; (2) \$5,000 for property damage in any 1 accident, and (3) the option of \$10,000 for injury to or death of 1 or more persons in any 1 accident.

- Every standard automobile liability insurance policy issued or renewed shall contain personal injury protection benefits for the payment of benefits without regard to negligence, liability, or fault to the insured and members of his family residing in his house who sustain bodily injury as a result of an accident, or as a pedestrian, caused by an automobile or an object propelled by or from an automobile, to other persons sustaining injury while occupying the automobile with permission of the insured, and to pedestrians sustaining bodily injury caused by the insured's vehicle or by an object propelled by or from that vehicle.
- State has non-resident service of process law: does not have guest suit law.
- State has no-fault insurance law.

Fees & Taxes

Table 1: Title & Registration Fees

Vehicle Type	Fee
Motor Vehicle Passenger Registration Fee	Fees range from \$35.50 to \$84.00 (based on age and weight of vehicle)
Private Utility, House-Type Semitrailers, and Trailers of Gross Load Not in Excess of 2,000 lbs.	\$18.00
All Other Utility, House-Type Semitrailers and Trailers	\$23.00
Motorcycles	\$31.50
Motorized Bicycles	\$15.00
Duplicates	Fees range from \$5.00 to \$11.00 (based on duration of registration)
Title Fee Without a Lien	\$20.00
Duplicate Title	\$25.00

Table 2: License Fees

License Class	Fee	Driving Test Fees
Basic Driver's License	4 Yr. \$24.00 / 6 Yr. \$33.00	
Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	\$42.00* (photo)	\$35.00
CDL Exam or Learner's Permit for Additional Endorsement or License Class	\$2.00 (per endorsement or class)	
Motorcycle License or Endorsement	\$42.00 flat fee	
Duplicate License Fee	\$24.00 (photo)	
Endorsements	\$11.00	
Permit Fee	\$2.00 (per endorsement)	
	\$10.00	

* Plus \$2.00 per endorsement.

Table 3: Vehicle Taxes

Tax	Rate
State Sales Tax	7%
Gasoline Tax (Diesel)	\$0.105/gallon; (\$0.135/gallon)
Luxury Tax on Vehicles Valued Over \$45,000	0.4% of vehicle price

Table 4: Miscellaneous Fees

Fee	Amount	Payable Upon
Emissions & Safety Inspection	varies*	payment of registration fees
Emissions & Safety Inspection Approval Sticker	\$1.00 for each sticker	upon issuance
Registration and License Reinstatement Fee	\$100.00	upon restoration
Special Plates Fee	\$15.00 - \$50.00 new \$0.00 - \$10.00 renewal	upon registration or renewal
License Plate Replacement Fee	\$6.00 - \$11.00	
New Jersey Emergency Medical Service Helicopter Response Program Fund	\$1.00	payment of registration fees

* Fees charged in private vendor inspections

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Vehicle Title

Application: Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer is subject to registration.

- Applications are made to the MVD and shall be made upon the appropriate forms furnished by the MVD.
- The application shall bear the signature of the owner written with pen and ink, the name and address of the owner, a description of the motor vehicle, an odometer reading, and a statement of all liens or encumbrances upon the vehicle.
- The division shall issue a certificate of title that contains the date issued, the name and address of the owner, a description of the vehicle, a statement of the owner's title and of all liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle.
- The certificate of title shall contain a space for the release of any lien, a space for the assignment of title or interest and warranty by the owner, and a space for the notation of liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle at the time of transfer.

Transfer of Ownership: Registration expires upon transfer of title. The previous owner must notify the division on the appropriate form provided by the division.

- The owner must endorse an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate of title for such vehicle with a statement of all liens or encumbrances thereto and

deliver the certificate of title to the purchaser or transferee at the time of delivering the vehicle.

- The person making the transfer shall sign and record on the transfer document the actual mileage of the vehicle as indicated by the vehicle's odometer at the time of transfer.
- When the owner of a registered vehicle assigns title or interest in the vehicle, he or she shall remove and retain the registration plate from the vehicle, and within 30 days of the transfer, he or she shall either apply to have the registration number assigned to another vehicle of the same class or forward the plate back to the MVD.
- The transferee must apply to the division for issuance of a new certificate of title and transfer of registration within 30 days from the date of transfer.
- Any dealer, when transferring a new vehicle to the first purchaser, shall give the transferee the manufacturer's certificate of origin.

Mobile Homes: Mobile homes must be titled and registered upon payment of property tax.

Vehicle Registration

Application: Every motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer is subject to registration.

- Applications are made to the MVD and shall be upon the appropriate forms furnished by the MVD.
- The application shall bear the signature of the owner, the name and address of the owner, a description of the motor vehicle, an odometer reading, and a statement of all liens or encumbrances upon the vehicle.
- Any owner of a vehicle subject to registration which has never been registered in this state but which has been registered in another state shall have such vehicle examined and inspected for its identification number or engine number by the division or an officer or designated agent thereof incident to securing registration, re-registration, or a certificate of title from the division. NCIC clearance is also required.
- A copy of the vehicle registration shall be kept in the vehicle at all times and shall be made available upon the request of a law enforcement officer.
- Changes of address notices must be made within 10 business days of move.
- The MVD may refuse registration or issuance of a certificate of title or any transfer of registration upon the ground that the application contains any false or fraudulent statement; the vehicle is mechanically unfit or unsafe to be operated or moved upon the highways; the division has reasonable ground to believe that the vehicle is a stolen or embezzled vehicle; the required fees and/or taxes have not been paid; or because the owner is required to but has failed to provide proof of compliance with a vehicle emission inspection and maintenance program.

Non-Residents: Non-residents may operate a vehicle registered in another state for a period of up to 180 days without registering the vehicle in New Mexico.

- Any person gainfully employed within the boundaries of the state for a period of 30 days or more within a 60-day period shall be presumed to be a resident of the state unless the owner of the vehicle commutes from another state in which he resides.
- Every nonresident including any foreign corporation carrying on business within the state and owning and regularly operating in that business any vehicle or trailer with-